

South Dakota Indian Education Summit

PROGRESS REPORT 2004 - 2005

Indian Education Summits

- First Indian Education Summit – April, 2004
- Second Indian Education Summit – April, 2005

Advisory Council

- Formation of Indian Education Advisory Council
- 24 members
- All tribes/reservations represented
- Meet 8 – 10 times/year
- Topics discussed: Education reform, retirement, distance ed. fees

Indian Education Director

- Indian Education Coordinator
- Keith Moore begins duties – July 1, 2005

Teach for America

- Seventeen teachers placed in Native American schools – 2004 – 05
- Twenty additional teachers anticipated for 2005 - 06

School Accreditation

- New accreditation guidelines for all SD schools
- Guidelines include accreditation options for Native American schools

Partnerships

- SD team attended Strengthening Partnerships Conference in Washington
- Partnership formed with BIA schools for reporting NCLB accountability

Native American Awareness

- Five session training program for state employees
- Topics include culture, language, traditions, education and history
- Sessions begin – June 2005
- Brochure – distributed to all schools in SD

Scholarships

- Hagen-Harvey Scholarship implemented for third year
- Seven students/year
- 40 applications for upcoming year

2010 Education Initiative

- Research Center for Native American Studies
- Improve attendance and graduation rates
- Increase the number of Native American teachers

Future Challenges

- Consistency of leadership
- Attendance/graduation rates
- Native American teachers
- Language/culture integration into schools

The Lakota Way by Joseph Marshall III

- Perseverance (Wowacintanka) *To persist*
- Sacrifice (Icicupi) *To give of oneself*
- Truth (Wowicake) *That which is real*
- Bravery (Woohitike) *Showing courage*
- Fortitude (Cantewasake) *Strength*
- Wisdom (Woksape) *Use knowledge wisely*

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